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You can be a part of an environmentally friendly project to benefit Bayou St. John

BATON ROUGE – The Bayou Boogaloo Bank Build is an opportunity have fun, contribute to a beneficial beautification project and help the environment. As part of the Mid-City Bayou Boogaloo Festival, “Green It,” a young leadership council project, is calling for volunteers on Saturday, May 21, to assist with picking up trash and planting grasses and irises along the bank of Bayou St. John.

Volunteers are asked to meet at the Dumaine Street Bridge on the Jeff Davis side at 9 a.m. Volunteers will plant more than 2,000 irises and 1,500 stems of cord grass. They will also pick up trash along the way, so dress accordingly for muddy and wet conditions. Volunteers should also bring a water bottle, a pair of gloves and sunscreen. All necessary equipment and training will be provided. Afterward, enjoy the festival which will highlight many genres of New Orleans-style music.

“The Bayou Boogaloo Bank Build is a great example of what the DEQ’s Watershed Coordinator program is all about,” said DEQ Secretary Peggy Hatch. “It’s encouraging to see people concerned about the environment, building partnerships and working together for better environmental quality. What a venue, too. A New Orleans festival and environmental project in the same place on the same day -- sounds like fun.”

The Faubourg St. John Neighborhood Association, Sea Grant Louisiana, LSU Ag Center and the Wetland Tree Foundation will be participating.